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AVIAN INFLUENZA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, There is a serious avian disease known as Avian Influenza, type H₇N₂, in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza is highly contagious and infectious, and

WHEREAS, This disease has been found to affect poultry, game birds, and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, This disease constitutes a serious threat to the multi-million dollar Virginia avian industry, and in order to protect all segments of this industry, and

WHEREAS, The State Veterinarian has authority to initiate such measures as necessary to effectuate the eradication and prevention of the spread of such diseases classed as contagious and infectious diseases of livestock and poultry, then

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 27, Article 1, §3.1-726 A., I am hereby ordering the cancellation, effective this 10th day of April 2002, all public sales and shows of poultry throughout the Commonwealth.

This proclamation shall remain in effect until rescinded by written notice from this office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William M. Sims, Jr.".

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